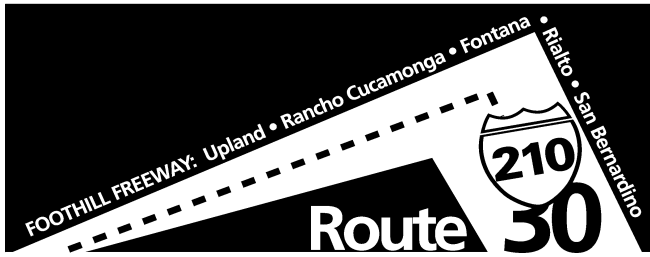


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The Route 30/210 project is a partnership between SANBAG and Caltrans.

Both agencies share responsibility for the funding, design and construction of the new freeway.

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NEW STRETCH OF ROUTE 210 OPENS!

*FREEWAY OPENS NOVEMBER 24 AFTER
FIVE YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION*

The long wait is over. After nearly 50 years of planning and five years of construction, SANBAG and Caltrans opened 14 miles of the new Foothill Freeway, State Route 210, on November 24. The new lanes through La Verne, Claremont, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga connect with six miles of the freeway opened in Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana in August 2001.

This 20-mile stretch of freeway creates a new east/west route between San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties and provides an alternative to the often congested Interstate 10. The new freeway is expected to divert nearly 43,000 vehicles daily from major local streets, including Baseline Road, Foothill Boulevard, Highland Avenue, 19th Street and Mountain Avenue.

The new freeway can be accessed at Foothill Boulevard and Fruit Street in La Verne; Towne Avenue and Padua/Monte Vista Avenue in Claremont; Mountain and Campus Avenues in



Vehicles on the newly opened Route 210 Freeway near the Carnelian eastbound on-ramp move at a steady pace two weeks after the freeway opened to motorists.

Upland; Carnelian, Archibald, Haven and Milliken Avenues and Day Creek Boulevard in Rancho Cucamonga; and Cherry, Beech (carpool lanes only), Citrus and Sierra Avenues in Fontana. The Campus ramps in Upland remain closed and under construction until 2003.

In total, the project included 49 new structures, 14 local street interchanges, one freeway-to-freeway interchange, retaining walls and soundwalls.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION A HUGE SUCCESS

By all accounts, the “Come Play on the Freeway” community celebration was a huge success. An estimated crowd of between 10,000 and 15,000 people came out on Saturday, September 28 to join in the festivities held near the Euclid Bridge in Upland. The community event commemorating the near completion of construction and opening of the freeway attracted runners, walkers, bikers and car enthusiasts of all ages. The atmosphere was festive, with over 50 vendors selling food and various wares. There were also plenty of fun activities for the kids to participate in with clown acts, face painting, giant jumpers, remote control car displays and other activities.

A special thanks to the CHP, Upland Police Department, County Sheriff’s and Caltrans for keeping the event safe and assisting with parking. SANBAG would also like to thank the community for wholeheartedly participating and showing your community spirit. It was truly a historic occasion and a memorable day for the community. A special commemorative project video was shown at the event and has been distributed to local cable companies for airing. In addition, a project magazine documenting the project was handed out at the event. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the project magazine you can call the new Hotline number at (866)HELP-210.



Part of the festivities included the presentation of colors by local Boy Scout Troop #601 and singing of the National Anthem by Krista Duffy. A short ceremony was held to thank the community and all the participants involved in making the freeway a reality.



Thousands of people lined the freeway, enjoying the many vendors and activities provided for the event. The cool weather provided comfortable conditions for walking, running and biking at the event.

FORMAL EVENT MARKS THE OPENING OF THE FREEWAY

Caltrans hosted a formal grand opening celebration on Sunday, November 24 prior to the freeway opening to motorists. The event was well attended by local and state officials and marked the culmination of the collaborative project involving SANBAG, Caltrans, La Verne, Claremont, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana and state and local officials. Maria Contreras-Sweet, Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary for California, was the key note speaker. Contreras-Sweet discussed the importance of this long-awaited project for the foothill communities.

Once the ceremony was completed, workers began preparing for the actual freeway opening, which took place later that afternoon to secure a new route for travelers on Monday morning.



The formal ceremony allowed the elected officials, city and agency representatives to thank all the participants for a job well done.

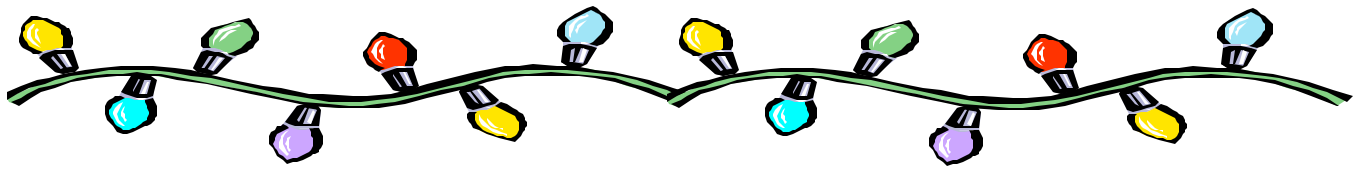
So WHAT COMES NEXT?

In spite of all the celebrations and ceremonies marking the historic grand opening of the Route 210 Freeway, there is still plenty of work remaining. There are approximately eight miles of the original 28.2 mile project left to be constructed in Rialto and San Bernardino. In addition, the landscaping of the now operational 20-mile section will start next year.

Construction is already underway on the frontage roads of Casmalia and Easton in Rialto. This work will add an additional four lanes of travel through the area and is critical to allow Highland Avenue to be closed for freeway

construction. In addition, a temporary detour has been approved by the City of Rialto and is being coordinated with this frontage road construction. The detour, once in place, will allow east/west travel throughout the duration of the construction.

Work on the remaining eight-mile section will begin in mid-2003 and is expected to be completed in 2006. Once completed, Route 210 will connect with Interstate 215 in San Bernardino.

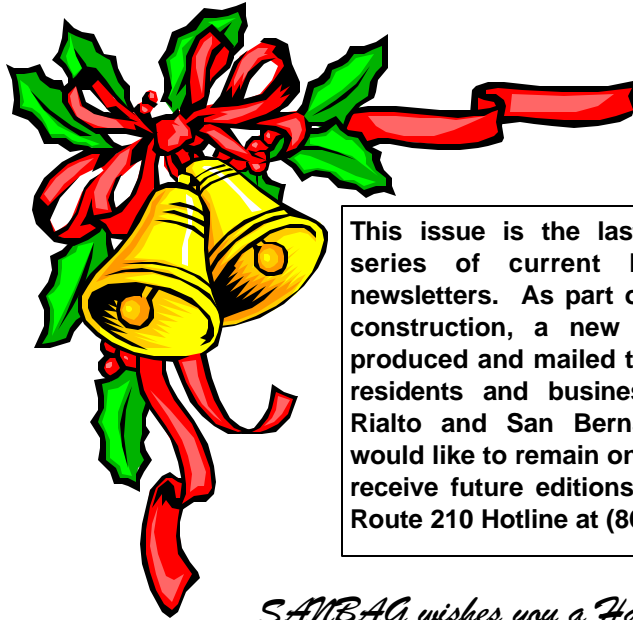


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This issue is the last edition in the series of current Project Update newsletters. As part of the upcoming construction, a new edition will be produced and mailed to city officials, residents and businesses located in Rialto and San Bernardino. If you would like to remain on the database to receive future editions please call the Route 210 Hotline at (866) HELP-210.

SANBAG wishes you a Happy Holidays!